(1) whether there were cases of cholera in any of the Government hospitals in 1106 and 1107;

(2) if so, in which of the hospitals and the number of cases;

(3) the number proved fatal?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(1) Yes; in 1107.

(2) Trichur Civil Hospital; 7 cases.

(3) Five.

Tramway Engineer—Tour.

98. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the number of days per month, the Tramway Engineer is to be on tour as per Standing Orders;

(2) the number of days per month he had been on tour for the last 2 years 1105 and 1106;

(3) if the days are less, what are the reasons and what actions were taken for the default?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—(1) At least 20 days in a month.

(2)

Month	*1105.*	*1106.*
Chingam	6	9
Kanni	10	9
Thulam	8	18
Vrischigam	4	16
Dhanu	6	9
Makaram	11	10
Kumbham	7	7
Meenam	5	6
Medam	2	7
Edavam	16	7
Mithunam	22	8
Karkadagam	8	16
	105	122

(3) The Tramway Workshop at Chalakkudi has developed a good deal and the Engineer's supervision over this institution is very often required, necessitating his presence at head quarters for a larger number of days. The Engineer's staff have now become so thoroughly acquainted with the working of the Tramway that he can cut short the number of days of his tour without detriment to efficiency.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—The Tramway Engineer was on tour only on certain days in a month. May I know

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whether he got permission of the Government to reduce the number of days on touring.

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—There was no Government permission. He has not obtained the permission.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What action was taken by the Government for going against the Standing Orders?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—Government did not take any action because the Government were satisfied that he had other urgent works to attend to.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—When was this matter brought to the attention of the Government?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—Government were aware of it.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Did the Tramway Engineer write to the Government that he was on tour only for less than the number of days which he was expected to do according to the Standing Orders?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—The Tramway Engineer's diary is submitted to the the Government. He has not made any special report.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Did he say that he was on tour for less than the number of days prescribed in the Standing Orders or did he simply say that he was on tour on such and such a day?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—The number of days is less. But this can be seen from the particulars given in the diary.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—So, he did not make any special report?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—No.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—And he did not get the sanciion of the Government?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—It is not necessary.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is it not necessary to get the sanction of the Government to act against the Standing Orders?

Mr. R. Ramunni Menon.—It is not necessary to specially report that he acted against the Standing Orders, because the Government peruses the diary of the Engineer.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was not the Code amended regarding the Standing Orders recently?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—No amendments have been made.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—When are the Standing Orders amended last?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—I am not sure of the exact date and so I want notice.

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Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was it not amended recently, one or two years back?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—It was amended, but I do not remember the exact date.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Did the Engineer report to the Government when the Standing Orders were amended that it was not necessary for him to get the sanction of the Government?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—No.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Why he did not do so?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—It was not necessary to make a special report.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is he given any travelling allowance?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—No.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—So his pay was fixed in accordance with the allowance for these 20 days' tour. He is getting a consolidated allowance and is not getting any T. A. and he was to travel for 20 days. If he has not travelled for 20 days, should he get his additional pay?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—He gets only a certain amount as pay. There is no allowance

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Why no allowance is given to him?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—Government ordered that he should be given only the pay.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—When the pay was settled, it was also said that he should go on tour for 20 days?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—May I know the question?

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Why he was not given T. A. as the other officers? Is it because in his pay his T. A. also is included?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—I want notice to answer that question.

Combined post of Depot Store-Keeper and Traffic Inspector.

99. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the qualification necessary for one to hold the combined post of Depot Store-keeper and the ex-officio Traffic Inspector of the Cochin Forest Tramway;

(2) the qualifications of the present incumbent;

(3) should the Depot Store-keeper on the grade of Rs. 35—50 at least pass the Tramway Department Test and

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